

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2024

11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT #188 "Jesus Loves Me" (Sing and sing-a-long)  
*Dr. Renee Huff*

WORDS OF PRAISE **Psalm 50:1-6** *Stephany Morgan*

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Our God comes and does not keep silent; before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around.

**God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that God may judge the people:**

"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God alone is judge.**

\*OPENING HYMN #189 "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

\*OPENING PRAYER *Stephany Morgan*

Searcher of hearts, you have known us from the beginning.

You see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe. Forever you call us by name.

But we have filled our lives with the sounds of the world.

We have not loved and sought you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Reveal to us once more your love and mercy through this, our act of worship.

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE *Stephany Morgan*

The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again in grace and love.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Alleluia!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Stephany Morgan*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #581** "Glory Be to the Father" *Dr. Renee Huff*

**SCRIPTURE READING**      **2 Kings 2:1-12**      *Rev. Jeff Binder*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**      "I Believe the Promise"

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**SERMON**      "G.O.A.T. Status"      *Rev. Jeff Binder*

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #190** "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      *from Iona Abbey Worship Book*

**Out of death came life, and God defeated evil:**

**An empty cross and an empty tomb, a nail mark shown and a presence known.**

**Out of sorrow came joy, and God sent the spirit:**

**Coming like fire to all people and ages, coming to birth in the water of life.**

**Out of difference came unity, and God's people were called:**

**Called to receive him in bread and cup, called to be free in the power of love.**

**For when the Holy Spirit comes to us, we will be filled with power, and be witnesses for Christ to the ends of the earth.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**      *Hymnal P. 35*

**CALL TO OFFERING**      *Rev. Jeff Binder*

**OFFERTORY #654**      "In the Lord I'll Be Forever Thankful"  
*Dr. Renee Huff*

**\*DOXOLOGY #606** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

**\*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #192**      "Shine, Jesus Shine"

**\*BLESSING & SENDING**      **Ephesians 3:20-21**      *Rev. Jeff Binder*

Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

\***POSTLUDE #127** “Jesus, the Light of the World”

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SACKS OF LOVE** has been pushed back to Tuesday, February 13.

**OUR ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** will take place on February 14 at 5:30pm in the chapel.

**ANNUAL MEETING, LUNCH, AND TOWN HALL FEBRUARY 25**

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place **Sunday, February 25**. We hope you can join us!

Immediately following worship, we will have a light lunch of chili and cornbread. The congregation is asked to provide desserts.

After lunch, the annual meeting will take place where the annual report, including the 2024 annual budget, will be presented. We will also hold a town hall conversation to discuss the results of the *Conversations* assessment.

Please RSVP to Heidi at [stauntonfirst@gmail.com](mailto:stauntonfirst@gmail.com) or 540-886-0704 if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

**MUSIC GROUP REHEARSALS** Choir rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm, and the handbell choir will rehearse 7-8pm in the sanctuary. There will be no music rehearsals on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR MARCH** The deadline for submissions for the March 2024 issue of First Impressions is Thursday, February 15. Thank you!

*Prayer List*

Please send out prayers for: Susie Lendermon; healing and comfort for Ann Ashworth and family upon the passing of her husband, Bill.; Anne (friend of Scott & Sharon Wilson); the family of Linda Riley Hickey, who passed away suddenly; Paul Goble; Jim Cooke; Karen Shipsted & Angela Pumpry (friends of Robin Knott); Charlie Obaugh; Natalie Dodge; Sherry von Oeyen; Alan Obaugh; Justin Tate; Anjie Wronko

*Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.*

**Elders**

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